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C O N F I D E N T I A L NAIROBI 1644

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PBOR, PINT, KE, UG

SUBJECT: KENYAN-UGANDAN RELATIONS FUNDAMENTALLY UNCHANGED AFTER  
HIGH-LEVEL VISIT

1. OVER PAST WEEK FBIS HAS CARRIED SEVERAL KAMPALA DOMESTIC  
SERVICE BROADCASTS COMMENTING ON ATTENDANCE BY ASSISTANT  
FOREIGN MINISTER, PETER KENYATTA (PRESIDENT'S SON) AT  
CELEBRATION OF 7TH ANNIVERSARY OF MILITARY REGIME IN UGANDA.  
BROADCASTS HAVE PROJECTED VIEW THAT KENYATTA'S VISIT WAS  
INDICATION OF KENYA'S DESIRE FOR IMPROVED RELATIONS WITH UGANDA,  
AND THAT UGANDA FULLY SHARES DESIRE TO LIVE IN PEACE WITH  
NEIGHBORS. UGANDAN MEDIA STRESSED THAT AS CONCILIATORY  
GESTURE SUBSEQUENT TO VISIT, PRESIDENT AMIN PARDONED SEVEN  
KENYANS WHO HAD BEEN ARRESTED FOR SMUGGLING CITING AS JUSTI-  
FICATION MESSAGE OF GOOD WILL FROM PRESIDENT KENYATTA,  
DELIVERED BY HIS SON.

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2. DESPITE EXCHANGE OF KIND WORDS, WHICH IS DEPARTURE  
FROM VITRIOLIC PROPAGANDA OFTEN UNLEASHED BY BOTH SIDES,  
PETER KENYATTA'S VISIT TO UGANDA DID NOT MARK A  
SUBSTANTIVE IMPROVEMENT IN KENYAN-UGANDAN RELATIONS.  
IN FACT, AT TIME OF VISIT ONE LOCAL DAILY RAN EDITORIAL  
WHICH WAS SOLID CONDEMNATION OF AMIN REGIME. FONMIN

SOURCE SAID GOK WOULD NOT MAKE ANY CONCESSIONS TO AMIN  
BUT THAT HIS REGIME WAS A FACT OF LIFE WHICH GOK WAS  
FORCED TO LIVE WITH.

3. KENYA'S PROBLEMS WITH UGANDA, GOK SOURCES POINT OUT,  
ARE FUNDAMENTAL. THE GOK DESPISES THE BRUTALITY OF  
AMIN'S REGIME, AND IT FEARS HIS UNPREDICTABILITY AND HIS  
SOVIET-PROVIDED MILITARY CAPABILITY. THESE CONCERNS HAVE NOT  
DIMINISHED, BUT IT APPARENTLY SUITS BOTH KENYAN (AND  
UGANDAN) PURPOSES AT THIS POINT TO PROJECT IMAGE THAT ALL  
IS QUIET ON THE WESTERN FRONT.

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